THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMOOWALIA) : (a) A statement is enclosed.

(b) Grants-in-aid are sanctioned to the NGOs as per the norms and procedures laid down in the schemes of the Ministry.

(c) Audit of the accounts of the organisations is done by the Chartered Accountants or auditors approved by the Government.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.

Statement

Names of the Voluntary Organisations with their location in Assam

S.No.	Name of the voluntary organisations with address
1.	Gharmora Model Satra Hills and Plains Cultural Institution, Ward No. 8, PO : North Lakhimpur-787 001.
2.	Prantiya Samaj Kalyan Kendra, PO : Kamin-791 121, North Lakhimpur.
3.	Ramakrishna Mission, Sevashram, Silchar-4, Cachar (Assam).
4.	Ramakrishna Mission Ashram, RK Mission Road, Ulubari, Guwahati- 781007.
5.	Indian Council for Child Welfare, Assam State Branch, GN Bordoli Road, Ambari Near Government Emorium, Guwahati, Assam.
6.	Indira Red Cross Society, Guwahati, Assam.
7.	Bahumukhi Krishi Aru Samaj Kalyan Samiti, Chota Rupahi, Noor Nagar, 10 Herapati, Distt : Nagaon, Assam.
8.	Gram Vikas Parishad, VIII : Rangaloor, PO : Jumarpur, Distt: Nagaon, Assam-782 427.
9.	M/s. Salitha Puthi, Bhawal Village, Saraighat, Duminichowki Post, Distt: Kamrup, Assam.
10.	Asson. for Social Health in India, State Branch, Near Assam Press, MD Road, Silpukhuri, Guwahati, Assam.
11.	Jagriti Samthla, Unayan Kendra, PO: Islamgaon, Lakhimpur-787 054.
12.	Society for the Promotion of Youth and Masses (SPYM) Guwahati Chapter, Ashram Road (Near Water Tank), Ulubari, Guwahati- 781 007.
13.	Remakrishna Mission, Silchar.
14.	All India Centre for Urban and Rural Development, Silchar.
15.	Assam Anusuchit Jati Parishad, Silchar.
16.	Assam Administrative Staff College, Jawahar Nagar, PO: Khanapara, Guwahati-22.

India-Iran Fertilizer Project

2540. SHRI SULTAN SALAHUDDIN OWAISI : Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state :

(a) whether India and Iran have given their final approval to the fertilizer project to be set up in Irani Qeshm Island, free trade zone;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the companies to whom this contract has been awarded; and

(d) the time by which the production is likely to start?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SIS RAM OLA) : (a) and (b) Indian Farmers Fertiliser Cooperative Limited (IFFCO) and Krishak Bharati Cooperative Limited (KRIBHCO) have jointly explored the possibility of setting up a 7.26 lakh metric tonne per annum urea project at Qeshm Island, Iran in collaboration with Qeshm Free Area Authority (QFAA) of Iran. As per the Feasibility Report, the estimated cost of the project is US $ 470 million. The buy back responsibility of the Indian partners extends to 60% of the urea production from this fertilizer complex.

(c) and (d) In the absence of an investment decision by the project sponsors, it is not possible to indicate the time by which the Qeshm Fertilizer Project will commence production. The stage of award of the contract for setting up of this facility has not yet been reached.

[Translation]

Fertility in Agriculture

2541. SHRI JAYSINH CHAUHAN : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether ambitious schemes formulated to test the fertility in the agriculture;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by which the schemes are likely to be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (EXCLUDING THE DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING) (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA) : (a) to (c) Soil testing is one of the most important tools in estimating the fertility of the soils in terms of availability of plant nutrients. In view of this, a scheme has been formulated for implementation during 9th plan for Modernisation of soil testing services. Proposed components of the scheme are :

(i) To modernise the existing soil testing laboratories.